

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO): (a) and (b) The Government has launched the 'Housing for All (Urban)' Mission on 25.6.2015. The Mission aims to provide assistance to States/UTs in addressing the housing requirement of the slum dwellers and urban poor through following four verticals:

- (i) "In situ" Slum Redevelopment through private participation using land as resource;
- (ii) Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS);
- (iii) Affordable Housing in Partnership; and
- (iv) Subsidy for beneficiary-led individual house construction or enhancement.

Mission period is 2015-2022 and the estimated shortage of houses in urban areas by 2022 is 20 million.

Schemes for urban poverty

1185. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) will Government outline various steps undertaken to alleviate urban poverty since May 2014;
- (b) in what way these schemes are different from the programmes taken up in the past decade;
- (c) has Government carried out a survey to find out whether these schemes are tailor-made for the needs of locals, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, will such a survey be taken up to factor in the views/experiences of the beneficiaries in order to fine tune the programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO): (a) The Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely, National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) in 790 cities including District Headquarters and cities with population with 1,00,000 and above. NULM seeks to organize urban poor into Self-Help Groups (SHGs), to provide skill training to urban poor so that they can find gainful employment, and to provide interest subsidy on bank loans to the poor for setting up self employment ventures. The Mission has provision for construction and maintenance of shelters equipped with essential services for the urban homeless. The Mission also provides support to urban street vendors.

(b) Learning from the experience of SJSRY, new features were added to NULM to ensure that the benefits of the Scheme reached the urban poor more effectively, viz.

- (i) Provision for creation of Mission Management Units by hiring technical experts at the State and city levels.
- (ii) Mandatory Certification by independent Certification Agencies for all trained candidates.
- (iii) Placement/self-employment of at least 50% trained candidates.
- (iv) The financial assistance under Self Employment Programme of NULM was changed from capital subsidy to interest subsidy.
- (v) The loan applications are to be scrutinised by a Task Force comprising of key officials from the ULB, Banks, representatives from industries so that arbitrary rejection does not take place at the level of banks.
- (vi) Provision for engaging Resource Organisations to help in formation of Self Help Groups.
- (vii) Inclusion of two new components in NULM namely (a) Support to Urban Street Vendors and (b) Shelter for Urban Homeless.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation made an assessment of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY). An overview of the implementation of SJSRY in the country had mixed results. The studies have shown that the Scheme has been relatively successful in alleviating urban poverty wherever systematic mobilization of the poor into SHGs, their capacity building and skill development programmes were taken up in a process-intensive and professional manner alongwith a robust implementation structure. The NULM builds on the core strengths of the SJSRY and incorporates the important lessons learnt from experience in implementation of SJSRY.

Skill development of urban poor in Jharkhand

1186. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to address the issue of the need to impart skill development among the urban poor, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is a proposal to have public-private-partnership in imparting such training and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the achievements made so far under the scheme "Employment through skill training and placement", State-wise, including Jharkhand?